

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., Monday, January 18, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grove at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**Excused Absence:** None

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of Catholic War Veterans Post 1229, Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group, Inc., Peru Education Foundation, La Salle-Peru Foundation for Educational Enrichment, the La Salle VFW Post 4668 and the La Salle Promotional and Advisory Committee for 2016 Raffle Licenses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois for a 2016 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request of Gary Hammers to install a non-illuminated wall sign at 645 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Jim Grant and Carrie Weir, owners of Up in Lites Advertising, LLP were present to answer questions regarding a request to erect an LED sign at 40 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Bacidore expressed concern that if we approve one, others will want one as well. Alderman Demes expressed that he is not in favor of granting the request because of the brightness of this type of sign. The owners explained that there is an auto-brightness feature on the sign which allows the brightness to be controlled. Brief discussion followed. The owners were willing to sign an agreement stating that if the shade/brightness of the sign becomes an issue, the permit will be nullified. Attorney McPhedran asked if the owners would be willing to accept a permit for a set period of time so the council could revisit the issue after that time period. The owners agreed to accept a permit for one year allowing the council to revisit the issue prior to renewing the permit.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Jim Grant, owner of Up in Lites Advertising LLP to erect a LED sign at 40 24<sup>th</sup> Street with the understanding that the permit is for one year without prejudice so the City can reevaluate the issue at the end of the one year without being bound to the renewal and that failure to control the brightness of the sign can result in nullification of the permit.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Demes, Alderman Bacidore Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-2**

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for December 2015 showing total fees collected of \$450.00 with total value of construction of \$70,250. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for December 2015 showing total fees collected of \$9,820.90. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Transportation Report showing the Motor Fuel Tax Allotment for December 2015 totaling \$21,686.48. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for October 2015 of \$82,235.86 and referendum approved sales tax of \$36,378.06 for a total of \$119,613.92. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee regarding the request from Lisa Furleigh, owner of Quilting in the Valley, for one 15 minute parking sign at 117 Gooding Street.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Ptak, Duncan Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Mayor reminded residents that it is a good idea to keep a small stream of water going to prevent pipes from freezing during this extreme cold weather.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Bacidore brought forth the issue of residents leaving large garbage items (mattresses, furniture, etc.) on the curb. Mayor Grove explained that in that situation the City Clerk or Mayor's Office can call Illinois Valley Waste to have the items picked up with the cost being passed on to the homeowner or landlord.

Mayor Grove explained that the Lamas apartment building (324-324 ½ Third Street) is up for purchase for \$12,000. A straw poll was taken regarding the purchase.

All aldermen were in favor, although Alderman Duncan has concerns that without an inspection we are uncertain what environmental issues the City may face.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **COMMENTS**

Chief Bacidore reminded the public to be cautious when using space heaters during this cold weather.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$418,930.67 (Total Payroll \$189,194.50, Bills to be Paid \$70,221.40, Total Bills Paid \$159,514.77) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 7:29 p.m.**



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Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk